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SUBJECT: ALLIED AMBASSADORS' MARCH 9 CONSULTATION WITH BAHR;
SOVIET INTEREST IN WEST BERLIN

1. BAHR TOLD THE AMBASSADORS THAT THE SOVIET COUNSELOR IN EAST BERLIN, BELETSKIY, HAD LAST WEEK GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH VON KLEEWITZ, THE OFFICIAL IN THE BUNDESHAUS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND INVITED HIM TO DINNER. AT THE DINNER, BELETSKIY ASKED VON KLEEWITZ FOR AN OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BUNDESHAUS. WHEN THE LATTER INITIALLY TREATED THE REQUEST AS A JOKE, BELETSKIY REPLIED THAT HE WAS IN EARNEST AND THAT IN HIS VIEW THE DESIGNATION OF THE BUNDESHAUS AS WELL AS THE TITLE "FEDERAL PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR BERLIN" MIGHT BE A VIOLATION OF THE QA. ACCORDING TO BAHR, VON KLEEWITZ THEN SAID THAT SOVIET COMPLAINTS ON THESE SUBJECTS, IF THERE WERE ANY, SHOULD BE RAISED BY AMBASSADOR FALIN. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER PRESSURE FROM BELETSKIY, VON KLEEWITZ ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PLAN OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN.

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2. BAHR COMMENTED SOMEWHAT HEATEDLY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN COULD NOT BE OFFICIAL CONVERSATION PARTNERS FOR FRG REPRESENTATIVES IN BERLIN OR FOR WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES AND THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO RAP THEM ON THE KNUCKLES OCCASIONALLY TO REMIND THEM OF THIS FACT. ONCE THE SOVIET COUNSUL GENERAL IS INSTALLED IN WEST BERLIN, BAHR SAID, HE WILL BE TREATED CORRECTLY AND POLITELY LIKE ALL THE OTHERS.
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